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SUBJ: AMB. SCALI TO MEET WITH AMERICAN-ARAB

FEDERATION LEADERS

1. AMB. SCALI HAS AGREED TO MEET AFTERNOON NOV. 5 WITH DR. MOHAMED MEHDI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FEDERATION OF AMERICAN-ARAB ORGANIZATIONS. MEHDI ASKED FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN LIGHT OF FORTHCOMING UN DEBATE. MEHDI'S REQUEST WAS GRANTED IN LIGHT OF SCALI'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH PROMINENT AMERICAN-JEWISH LEADERS ON SAME SUBJECT AND GENERAL OPEN-DOOR POLICY TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION LEADERS INTERESTED IN UN MATTERS.

2. MEHDI LED A SMALL COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION OF LESS THAN 20 PEOPLE NEAR UN NOV. 4 AT SAME TIME MASSIVE AMERICAN-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION WAS TAKING PLACE A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. AN IRAQI-BORN PERMANENT RESIDENT OF UNITED STATES, HE HAS SINCE 1948 ACTED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR AMERICAN-ARB COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSES. HE IS GENERALLLY MODERATE. HE AND OTHER AMERICAN

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ARAB FEDERATION LEADERS MET WITH AMB. GOLDBERG IN 1967.

3. LATE NOV. 4, MEHDI ISSUED PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING
MEETING BETWEEN SCALI. AND "LEADERS OF A PRO-PLO ORGANIZATION".

TEXT FOLLOWS:

FOR RELEASE NOVEMBER 4, 1974 PM.

NEW YORK, NY.--AMBASSADOR JOHN A. SCALI, CHIEF US. DELEGATE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL MEET WITH LEADERS OF A PRO-PLO
ORGANIZATION, THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN-ARAB ORGANIZATIONS.
AMBASSADOR SCALI MET WITH JEWISH LEADERS WHO WERE OPPOSED TO THE
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LAST WEEK.

THE MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN ARAB
FEDERATION WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 5 1974 AT 13:00 MM. AT THE
US. MISSION, 45TH AT FIRST AVENUE.

THE PRO-PLO FEDERATION WILL ASK THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL TO
RECOGNIZE THE PLO, AS DID THE UNITED NATIONS, AND TO SUSPEND
ALL AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO THE JEWISH STATE.
FURTHERMORE, AMBASSADOR SCALI WILL BE URGED TO RECOGNIZE
THE FORTHCOMING PALESTINE GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE "AS SOON AS
IT IS ESTABLISHED."

"THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE
TO THEIR LAND IS THE ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP TOWARD PEACE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST," SAID DR. WILLIAM A. SMALL, PRESIDENT OF
THE FEDERATION.

AFTER THE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI, THE TWENTY-MEMBER
DELEGATION WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CHURCH CENTER
FOR THE UNITED NATIONS, 777 UN PLAZA, AT ABOUT 4:00 PM.

THE FEDERATION IS COMPOSED OF 27 ARAB-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS. ITS
PRESIDENT, DR. SMALL, IS PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AND CHIARMAN
OF THE DEPARTMENT AT GENESEO STATE UNIVERSITY, GENESEO,
N.Y., AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION
IS DR. M. T. MHEDI, HEAD OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE ON
AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS. UNQTE.
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